AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system for customizing form elements in a form building application, comprising:

a form builder component configured to receive an identification of a user of the form building application, the form building application providing a graphical user interface for ~~the manipulation~~ manipulating ~~of~~ a set of form elements under development, and to enable access to the user for developing a subset of the form elements according to authorization rules; and

an access manager component configured to determine the authorization rules associated with the user's authorization to develop the set of form elements.

2. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the identification of the user is based on login information.

3. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the authorization rules are determined via a lookup table associating the user identification with the authorization rules for the user.

4. **(Original)** The system of claim 3, wherein the authorization rules include settings that identify the subset of the form elements which are viewable and/or changeable.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented method for customizing form elements in a form building application, comprising:

receiving an identification of a user of the form building application, the form building application providing a graphical user interface for ~~the manipulation~~ manipulating ~~of~~ a set of form elements under development;

determining authorization rules associated with the user's authorization to develop the set of form elements; and

enabling access to the user for developing a subset of the form elements according to the authorization rules.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 5, wherein the identification of the user is based on login information.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 5, wherein the authorization rules are determined via a lookup table associating the user identification with the authorization rules for the user.

8. **(Original)** The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization rules include settings that identify the subset of the form elements which are viewable and/or changeable.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented method for customizing an electronic form, comprising:

responsive to a command by a user to change an element of the form under development, retrieving a permission list from a lookup table, the permission list identifying access rights for developing a plurality of form elements contained in the form;

comparing an identifier associated with the user to ~~those~~ the access rights for the form element to be changed; and

rejecting the command unless the access rights associated with the user's identifier permit the user to change the form element.

10. **(Original)** The method of claim 9, wherein the command by the user to change the form element includes selecting in a form building application a node representing the form element.

11. **(Original)** The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined for form elements representing a form's corporate identity.

12. **(Original)** The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined for form elements representing a form's interface to an application program.

13. **(Original)** The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined based on at least one of user id, job title, department code and position in the corporate hierarchy.